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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

"Development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Trade and development;

"(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

"(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

"(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

"(e) Environment;

"(f) Desertification and drought;

"(g) Human settlements;

"(h) Science and technology for development;

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* The report of the Committee on this agenda item will be issued in several parts, under the symbol A/48/717 and addenda.

"(i) Entrepreneurship;

"(j) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy",

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held general discussions on the item at its 8th, 9th, 15th to 17th, 20th, 30th to 32nd, 36th to 40th and 43rd to 45th meetings, on 13, 20, 21 and 22 October and 11, 12, 19, 23 and 24 November and 3 and 6 December. The general discussion on sub-item (j) was held at the 8th and 9th meetings, on 13 October. The general discussion on sub-items (b), (c) and (d) was held at the 15th to 17th meetings, on 20, 21 and 22 October. The general discussion on sub-items (a), (h) and (i) was held at the 30th to 32nd meetings, on 11 and 12 November. The general discussion on sub-items (e), (f) and (g) was held at the 36th to 40th meetings, on 19, 23 and 24 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.8-9, 15-17, 20, 30-32, 36-40 and 43-45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8, 11, 12 and 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents on the item:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the recent evolution of the economies in transition on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation (A/48/331);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission (A/48/350);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the economic stabilization programmes in developing countries (A/48/380);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/181 (A/48/689);

(e) Letter dated 14 April 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué issued by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council at its forty-sixth session (A/48/140);

(f) Letter dated 12 May 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/172);

(g) Letter dated 28 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the press communiqué issued by the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries at its meeting held in Bali, Indonesia, from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/182);

(h) Letter dated 9 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the statement by the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council at its forty-seventh session (A/48/205-S/25923);

(i) Letter dated 14 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Damascus Declaration States on their meeting held at Abu Dhabi on 12 and 13 June 1993 (A/48/209-S/25937);

(j) Letter dated 23 June 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the results of the session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at New Delhi from 9 to 17 April 1993 (A/48/222);

(k) Letter dated 4 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final document of the third Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government (A/48/291-S/26242);

(l) Letter dated 11 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (A/48/309);

(m) Letter dated 9 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Document of the Meeting of the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Bali, Indonesia, from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/338);

(n) Letter dated 7 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a final communiqué concerning results of the work of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council during their meeting at the headquarters of its secretariat at Riyadh on 19 and 20 Rabi' 1414 H (A.D. 5 and 6 September 1993) (A/48/379-S/26411);

(o) Letter dated 12 July 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting documents adopted by the twenty-first Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (A/48/396);

(p) Letter dated 9 September 1993, from the Permanent Representative of Grenada addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué issued by the nineteenth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community (A/48/401);

(q) Letter dated 6 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted at the seventeenth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 (A/48/485);

(r) Letter dated 15 October 1993 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries, held in New York on 30 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/4).

Item 91 (a). Trade and development

(a) Report of the Trade and Development Board (A/48/15); 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (A/48/363);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/48/487);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/48/533);

(e) Note of the Secretary-General on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/48/535);

(f) Note verbale dated 13 April 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration on Bananas issued on 2 April 1993 in Panama City by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama (A/48/139);

(g) Note verbale dated 6 May 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a resolution on bananas issued by the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (A/48/163);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/48/15), vols. I and II.

(h) Letter dated 10 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Declaration of Santiago de Guayaquil made by the representative of Saint Lucia to the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on 24 February 1993 (A/48/164).

Item 91 (b). Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/48/333).

Item 91 (c). Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (A/48/393);

(b) Preliminary version of the 1994 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (A/48/70-E/1993/16).

Item 91 (d). Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

(a) Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session (A/48/39); 2/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation among developing countries (A/48/491);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/48/495 and Add.1);

(d) Letter dated 22 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee of the Group of 77 on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/C.2/48/5).

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 39 (A/48/39).

Item 91 (e). Environment

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its seventeenth session (A/48/25); 3/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans seas (A/48/451 and Corr.1 and 2);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (A/C.2/48/2);

(d) Letter dated 16 July 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final statement of the eleventh session of the InterAction Council (A/48/272-S/26108);

(e) Letter dated 4 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitti the Emergency Locust Control Plan drawn up at the ad hoc Sahel/Maghreb meeti on locust control, held at Tunis on 1 and 2 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/6);

(f) Letter dated 16 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of t Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/48/10);

(g) Letter dated 22 November 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of t Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/48/11).

Item 91 (f). Desertification and drought

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (A/48/216-E/1993/92);

(b) Letter dated 4 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitti the Emergency Locust Control Plan drawn up at the ad hoc Sahel/Maghreb meeti on locust control, held at Tunis on 1 and 2 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/6).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 25 (A/48/25).

Item 91 (g). Human settlements

(a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fourteenth session, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/48/8); 4/

(b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/48/37); 5/

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (A/48/288).

Item 91 (h). Science and technology for development

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of strengthening endogenous capacity-building in science and technology in the developing countries (A/48/465).

Item 91 (i). Entrepreneurship

Report of the Secretary-General on entrepreneurship and national development (A/48/472).

Item 91 (j). Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in addressing problems facing the economies in transition, including the difficulties that those economies are encountering in their integration into the world economy (A/48/317).

4. At the 8th meeting on 13 October, an introductory statement was made by the Director of the Division for Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis on the item as a whole as well as sub-item (j) (see A/C.2/48/SR.8).

5. At the 15th meeting, on 20 October, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development on sub-item (c); the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing

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4/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 and addendum (A/48/8 and Add.1).

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 37 (A/48/37).

Countries of the United Nations Development Programme; the Director of the Division for Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on sub-items (b) and (d) (see A/C.2/48/SR.15).

6. At the 30th meeting, on 11 November, introductory statements were made by the President of the Trade and Development Board and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on sub-item (a); the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Political Affairs on sub-item (d); the Acting Director of the Public Administration and Management Division of the Department of Development Support and Management Services on sub-item (i); and the Principal Officer of the Department of Development Support and Management Services on sub-item (h) (see A/C.2/48/SR.32).

7. At the 36th meeting, on 19 November, an introductory statement was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on sub-items (e), (f) and (g) (see A/C.2/48/SR.36).

8. At the 43rd meeting, on 3 December, an introductory statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (see A/C.2/48/SR.43).